sector. The State-wise details are at Statement (*See* below). The male/ female break up is not available.

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State-wise details of the unorganised sector workers

Sl. No.	Major States	Unorganised Sector Workers (in thousand)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	34076.4
2.	Assam	8272.5
3.	Bihar	34823.1
4.	Gujarat	21240.7
5.	Haryana	6507.4
6.	Karnataka	21735.7
7.	Kerala	11234.2
8.	Madhya Pradesh	32830.3
9.	Maharashtra	37481.2
10.	Orissa	14183.1
11.	Punjab	9039.2
12.	Rajasthan	21936.3
13.	Tamil Nadu	26370.5
14.	Uttar Pradesh	56371.3
15.	West Bengal	25884.7
	All Major States	362062.6
	All India	369140.3

Agricultural labourers in Andhra Pradesh

1735. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of agricultural labourers in the State of Andhra Pradesh and its percentage to the total population of the State;

(b) the steps taken by Government for their welfare at the State and Central levels separately; and

(c) the extent of work done in this respect in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the last one and half year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO) : (a) As per 2001 Census, the total population of Andhra Pradesh is 7,62,10,007 out of which 9.02% *i.e.* 68,71,904 were agricultural labourers.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has launched several welfare and poverty alleviation/employment generation schemes for the rural poor which, *inter-alia*, include agricultural workers. Some of such schemes are: Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), etc. The Government is implementing Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) with the objective to provide assistance to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural households. The Agriculture Insurance Company of India is implementing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme providing for insurance of crops during Kharif and Rabi Season. The Government has recently enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which provides for 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to everyhousehold whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Further, Janshree Bima Yojana providing for insurance cover to people living below or marginally above the poverty line, is also available for workers in the unorganised sector including agricultural workers. The Government has also redesigned the Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS), which is available to families living below poverty line (BPL) which, *inter-alia*, include agricultural workers, at subsidized annual premium of Rs. 165, Rs. 248 and Rs. 330 for individual, a family of five, and a family of seven respectively. The scheme provides for reimbursement of hospitalization expenses up to Rs. 30,000/- basis per family, coverage of death of worker due to accident (Rs. 25,000/-) etc. To protect the agricultural labourers from exploitation of landlords, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have fixed minimum rates of wages under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. For effective implementation of the minimum wages, the State Government have notified the Inspectors.

Reforms in labour policy

1736. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to reform the labour policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;